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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

FOR AFE - R. BAKER

1. GOS IS IN PROCESS OF ORDERING FISHING BOATS AND ON SHORE COLD STORAGE AND FREEZING EQUIPMENT. THEY ARE TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PURCHASE BOATS CAPABLE OF ICING FISH UNTIL CATCH IS LANDED AND THEN FREEZING FISH OR BUYING BOATS CAPABLE OF QUICK FREEZING FISH ON BOARD PRIOR TRANSPORTING TO SHORE FOR STORAGE.

2. SINCE CHOICE INVOLVES SPENDING GREAT DEAL OF MONEY ON EITHER EXPENSIVE BOATS (WITH FREEZERS) OR EXPENSIVE LAND INSTALLATION GOS IS ATTEMPTING TO GET ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION OR ADVICE POSSIBLE BEFORE THEY MAKE FINAL DECISION.

3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO TRY TO OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

A. WHAT IS THE ACCEPTABLE PERIOD OF TIME FISH (ESPECIALLY TUNA) MAY BE ICED (ON BOARD BOAT) PRIOR TO FREEZING (ON SHORE) FOR FISH SUPPLIED TO THE U.S. MARKET. GOS INTERESTED IN U.S. REGULATIONS SINCE THEY VIEW U.S. AS IMPORTANT POTENTIAL MARKET.

B. IS THERE A PRICE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TUNA ICED ON BOARD SHIP AND  
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THEN FROZEN ON SHORE AND TUNA FROZEN ON BOARD? - IF SO - WHAT IS DIFFERENCE.

C. WHAT IS CURRENT MARKET PRICE FOR SKIPJACK TUNA ICED ON BOARD AND FROZEN ASHORE, YELLOW FIN TUNA ICED ON BOARD AND FROZEN ASHORE, SKIPJACK TUNA FROZEN ON SHIP, YELLOW FIN TUNA FROZEN ON SHIP.

4. POST WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ON URGENT BASIS ANY INFO DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO OBTAIN. GOS IS UNDER SOME PRESSURE TO DECIDE QUICKLY WHICH SYSTEM TO ADOPT. POST FEELS THEY MAY HAVE BEEN OFFERED SOME FALL OUT ASSISTANCE FUNDS WITH A TIME LIMIT CLAUSE. ANY INFO EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED LOCALLY.

5. ALSO, REQUEST ADVISE WHERE REGIONAL FISHERIES OFFICER IS LOCATED FOR AFRICA.

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